the caption 'Zia threat to go nuclear' wherein President Zia-Ul-Haq of Pakistan has said 'India is for all practical purposes in the Soviet Camp';

(b) if so, whether Government have lodged any protest with the Pakistan Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) India's credentials as a non-aligned country are universally recognised. Assertions to the contrary do not make them any the less valid

Law to debar persons supporting Sati from contesting elections

3639 SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to debar any one who supports 'Sati' from contesting elections by amending electoral law; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) A proposal that the preaching or glorification of sati should be made a 'Corrupt practice' under Section 123 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 is under consideration of the Government.

Payment of productivity linked bonus to FADs

3640. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the civilians of FADs and the civilians of ASCs are not alike;

(b) whether the orders/instructions issued for ACSs are not *mutatis mutandis* applicable to that of FADs employees;

(c) Whether it is a fact that the civilians of FADs had won the case from the court of law to get productivity linked bonus w.e.f. 1980 and onwards i.e. equivalent to the PLB paid to ASCs employees; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for which FADs employees have not been paid PLB bonus for the year 1986-87, at par with ASCs employees?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K C PANT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Some employees of 23 FAD had won a Court case for payment of PLB with effect from 1980 and onwards. The amount of PLB admissible under the rules was paid to the concerned employees. The employees have gone again to the Court and the matter is sub-judice ASC employees are paid ad-hoc bonus and not PLB.

(d) Does not arise.

Representation to Union in Defence installations

3641. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the JCM IV Levels Rules in Defence Installations for giving representations to the Unions where one recognised union, affiliated to either of the two recognised Federations, is functioning;

(b) whether there is a provision to give only two seats to the above referred Union; if so, whether the remaining seats would be allotted to non-recognised Union, not affiliated to either of the two Federations but fulfilling the conditions of recognition; and